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REMARKS

35 U.S.C. §121 Election/Restrictions

The Patent Office has issued a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 4-7, 11-12, 17-20, 24 and 29-30, drawn to a system, apparatus and method for configuring network device using secure e-mail, classified in class 709, subclass 206, 220.
- II. Claims 2-3, drawn to a method for using a markup language for configuring network devices, classified in class 709; subclass 220 and class 715; subclass 513.
- III. Claims 8-10, 13-16, 21-22, X-27 and 31, drawn to an apparatus for firewall authentication, classified in class 709, subclass 209 and 709/226.

In response to the restriction, the Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (linking claims 1, 11, 18, 22 and 29; claims 4-7; 11-12, 17-20, 24 and 29-30) in this application. Applicant makes this election without prejudice to the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in the present application or in a continuing application.

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Conclusion

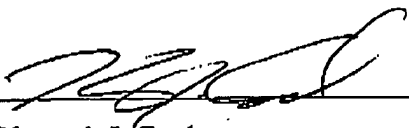
In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney, Kenneth J. Cool, at (720) 227-9445 if there remains any issue with allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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